



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by
Chairman Siersema, who led Commissioners and the
audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Kirkorn, Spencer

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Herbel, McGovern, O'Connell, Rivera, and
Siersema were in attendance.

Others Present: Tony Olmos, City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Bill Janusz, Principal Civil Engineer
Todd Broussard, Principal Civil Engineer
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

C. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to
approve the minutes of August 18, 2010 as presented.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Krikorn, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Herbel)

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

None

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F-1. Active Capital Project Report – Tony Olmos provided updates on 11 projects.

The Atlanta Avenue Widening project has reached a significant milestone in obtaining SEQA approval just today. The project will be submitted to Caltrans for Federal approval.

The Pavement Management Program is basically complete and will be presented at the October meeting. The Pavement Management Program is tentative to be presented to City Council at a Study Session in November.

Commissioner Herbel requested the Pavement Management Program be provided to the Public Works Commissioners early so they have adequate time to review.

The Talbert Lake Urban Runoff Diversion Phase I project has been waiting for the state to release funds which recently happened. The project was presented last week for consideration for funding. Tony Olmos felt the presentation went very well and the city has a strong possibility of having the project approved for funding.

The city has completed two Tree Petition Streets projects.

Downtown Street Light Replacement Phase III project will be presented to the Public Works Commission this evening for consideration of recommendation to the City Council.

The Edison Park Youth Sports Complex Refurbishment project will be presented to the Public Works Commission this evening for consideration of recommendation to the City Council.

The Warner Avenue Gravity Sewer Main project will be designed to the City of Huntington Beach standards. The recent decision to annex Sunset Beach into the City results in the decision that the system will not be designed to meet Sanitation District standards but must meet City standards.

The HES Signal Modification at Brookhurst and Yorktown, Atlanta and Newland, and Atlanta and Magnolia is a project being brought before the Public Works Commission this evening for consideration.

The Pacific Coast Highway Transit Center project is scheduled to go to City Council on September 20, 2010 for award.

The Safe Routes to School traffic signal project near Springview Middle School is complete.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Traffic Signal Modifications – Brookhurst Street and Yorktown Avenue; Atlanta Avenue and Newland Street; Atlanta Avenue and Magnolia Street – Bill Janusz presented the item to the Commission. The three intersections have been awarded funding to address higher than expected incidence of left turn collisions at each of the intersections. The project will result in all direction protected left turn at each of the three locations.

The construction may cause some traffic flow disruption with restricted lane use between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. No signal turn-on will be scheduled on a Friday or the day before a holiday.

Chair Siersema inquired if all three locations would be under construction at the same time. Bill Janusz responded at this time the city is not anticipating any restrictions on the contractor.

Commissioner Herbel inquired of the accident history at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Newland Street. Bill Janusz responded the predominant collision history is north bound Newland Avenue turning left onto Atlanta Avenue.

Motion by Commissioner Herbel, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to support the initiation of the competitive bid process and to recommend to the City Council the proposed modification of the traffic signals at the intersection of Brookhurst Street at Yorktown Avenue, Atlanta Avenue to Newland Street, and at Atlanta Avenue and Magnolia Street.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	5
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	2 (Kirkorn, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS:	0

- G-2. Downtown Street Light Modifications, Phase III – Main Street – Palm Avenue to Acacia Avenue; Orange Avenue – Second Street to Eleventh Street; Olive Avenue – First Street to Seventh Street; Sixth Street – Orange Avenue to Walnut Avenue; Seventh Street – Palm Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway –

Commissioner McGovern recused himself due to the close proximity of his residence.

Bill Janusz presented the project. The project is Phase III of downtown street light modification project funded with redevelopment agency funds. The project will replace the existing 5,000 volt system with the modern 240 volt system. The current segments are 50 to 70 years old with the poles and conduits severely rusted or corroded in many places. All lamps will be replaced with LED fixtures. Within the limits of the Downtown Specific plan area, the pole top will be the acorn style fixture. Outside of those limits, the traditional fixture placed on a mast arm on a concrete pole will be used.

The last three years the city has received very favorable bids, therefore, it would be more favorable to bid the entire project together. If bids are higher than anticipated and in excess of funds available, staff would recommend to City Council to reject all bids, eliminate the Seventh Street segment and then re-bid the project.

Commissioner Rivera inquired as to the cost difference in the alternate acorn style fixture verses the concrete pole and mast arm fixture. Mr. Janusz responded the concrete pole and mast are approximately \$2300 per fixture verses the acorn type fixture at a cost of \$4200 a fixture. The acorn style fixture will have a net increase in number of lighting fixtures to improve the lighting level in the area.

Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to support the initiation of the competitive bid process and to recommend to the City Council the proposed modification of street lights along segments of Main Street, Orange Avenue, Olive Avenue, Sixth Street and Seventh Street in the downtown area.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	4
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	2 (Kirkorn, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS:	1 (McGovern)

- G-3. Edison Park Reconfiguration Project – Phase I – Todd Broussard presented the project. Public Works is working with Community Services to complete this project. Mr. Broussard then gave a brief history on the project.

Phase I of the Master Plan includes reconfiguration of Edison Community Park to create three practice soccer fields, an additional 55 parking spaces, and a turn-around/drop-off area. The area currently has mounds and will be reconfigured to create level practice fields. It will not affect the picnic area. The concrete area will be addressed in a future phase. The practice fields will have lighting from poles placed on the city-owned portion of the park. Lights will be positioned to not interfere with the nearby residences.

Motion by Commissioner Herbel, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to recommend to the City Council the Edison Park Reconfiguration Project – Phase I, CC-1346.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Kirkorn, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

- I-1. Commissioner McGovern presented the report for the 15% Infrastructure Calculation Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee met with members of City Staff on September 2, 2010 to better understand the city's position on the infrastructure calculation. The Sub-Committee was satisfied with the explanation provided by staff. The five-year plan to eliminate the debt service was included.

Chair Siersema inquired about the inclusion of cost of replacing city vehicles. Commissioner McGovern responded replacement of vehicles is considered as part of infrastructure. Purchasing a new vehicle that is not a replacement is not part of the calculation. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McGovern acknowledged citizen Dick Harlow for his participation in the meeting and expressed appreciation for the input from Mr. Harlow.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Michael Siersema
Chair



Joyce Greene
Administrative Assistant